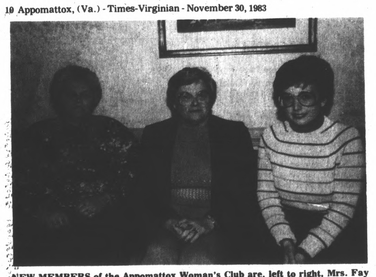

NEW MEMBERS of the Appomattox Woman's Club are, left to right, Mrs. Fay Bugg, Mrs. Loee Wallis, and Mrs. Kaye Lair.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR of the Stitch and Chatter Club will be open Friday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. until noon. The club, composed of women of the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church and friends of the church, will offer for sale a variety of handmade gifts, baked goods, and decorations for the holiday season. Proceeds of the sale will go toward financing the activities of the church. Mrs. Louise Schienkermann, (left) sister of Mrs. Ellen O'Brien who is visiting here from her home in Hollywood, Fla. and Mrs. Ethel Evans, club member, (right) admire items for sale. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Retired teachers plan

luncheon meeting

The Appomattox County Retired Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church at noon.

A program relating to the Christmas story, with music by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tyler, will be presented.

All members are asked to make reservations to attend.

Shop Locally

Couple

will wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrell of Utica, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Elizabeth DiTedora to Spd Ronald Kent Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Robinson of Daytona Beach, Fla., formerly of Appomattox, Va.

Historical

society meets

The Appomattox County Historical Society will meet Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Charmose, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Babcock.

A program of music will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guild. The Christmas story of 1865 will be narrated by Ron Wilson.

Returns

from Nassau

Mrs. Morton L. Ferguson recently returned from a five-day stay in Nassau. She was accompanied by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. Calvin Phelps of Chesapeake.

Birth

announced

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Pierce are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Angela Marie, born Nov. 19, 1983.

Angela weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparent is Mrs. Lucille Puckett, of Baltimore, Md.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce of Spout Spring, Va.

Good News For Homemakers

Choose toys with care, they can be educational

By SHIRLEY WALTON
Extension Agent

The cherished wooden wagon that father made for his son or the doll clothes mother made to match a dress of her own conveyed love to children and made them aware that they were very special people.

A child feels joy and pride in receiving a toy designed for him. It is especially his own. There is a joy too for the creator of such a unique gift for he is giving more than the made-to-order toy. He is giving part of himself, his thoughts, his hands, his time. These are the greatest and most precious gifts that man has to give. To share these gifts with a child through a toy made "just for him or her" is sharing something nobody else can give. It is a personal and unique way to give.

A toy should be more than a monetary diversion. A toy can help a child acquire the value of the culture in which is growing. A toy can arouse curiosity, create challenge, stimulate imagination and creativity. A toy can hasten learning, aid concentration, provide the fun of doing, and also develop interesting skills. Most of all, however, it can give experience. A toy offers fantasy. A toy belongs securely in the world of a child. By giving a child the right toy, you can provide him with a tool for learning what you want him to learn, to value what you value.

Let's look at how we choose toys for children.

1. **Consider The Child** - Watch what he does, what his particular interests and abilities are and what further interests might be encouraged.

Consider The Toy - What can a child do with it, what purpose or purposes has it? What does it tell the child about what you value and want him to learn? How long will the toy last? How much space is needed to use it and to store it?

3. **Consider The Construction** - Is material suitable for its use, safe, smoothly finished? Is paint non-toxic, toy simple and uncluttered in line and design? Will the toy work as intended for its lifetime?

4. **Consider The Cost**-Is it in relation to the length of life of the toy and purposes to which it may be put?

5. **Consider a "Balanced Diet of Toys"** - Toys should be balanced in their kind to include some for active, some for quiet play, and some for using the whole body, some also for using one or another particular part of the boy. Others should be for playing alone and some should be for sharing with friends. Some should set a definite task to be accomplished. Some should let the child be what and who he needs to be.

Choosing a toy for that special child on your Christmas list can be so much fun. Creating and making a toy can also be a great experience. Whichever you do, be sure the toy is suitable for the child and will be safe for that special child on your Christmas list.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Pat's Pumpkin Cake Roll
Beat 3 eggs on high for 5 min.

Times-Virginian

SOCIAL

MRS. RUTH WEBB OF THE APPOMATTOX GARDEN CLUB, right, presents a book to Mrs. Mary Edith Morris, left, for the Appomatox County Library in honor of the late Mrs. Eston Harvey who was a member of the club. Looking on is Eston Harvey, center. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Gradually beat in 1 cup sugar. Stir in ⅔ cup pumpkin and 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Stir together: ¾ cup self-rising flour, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon cloves. (Fold this mixture into pumpkin)

Spread in greased and floured 15 x 10 x 1" jelly roll pan. Top with 1 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans. Bake at 375°F. for 15 min.

Turn out on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Starting at narrow end roll towel and cake together; cool. Unroll.

Filling: Combine 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 - 3 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, 4 Tablespoons butter, ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Beat until smooth.

Spread over cake --roll -- chill.

Note: Many thanks go to Mrs. Pat Williams, a member of the Pamplin Extension Homemakers Club. She is a former extension agent and worked in Southwest Virginia before moving to Pamplin.

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Appomattox approved as disaster county

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Appomattox County has been approved as a disaster county. This makes it possible for farmers who cannot receive loans elsewhere eligible for Emergency Disaster Loans from Farmers Home Administration. Details of how application for loans need to be filed are available from the Farmers Home Administration Office.

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The Annual Meeting, Lynchnburg Feeder Cattle Association, is Thursday, December 8, 6 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School Cafeteria, producers and spouses are invited who marketed cattle through these special sales in 1982 or 1983. Please call 352-8244 if you plan to attend.

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A high percentage of stored grain is insect infested. A recent survey by the U.S. Grain Marketing Research Lab found 80% corn, 25% wheat and 56% oats stored in on-the-farm bins contained insects. Grain stored for one year was just as prone to infestation as grain stored for several years.

Under ideal conditions, insects can destroy 11 pounds of grain in just 12 weeks. It is not uncommon to lose 10% of the stored grain to insects.

Stored grain losses to insects can be very expensive, especially if grain is to be marketed later. Dockage can reach 27 cents per bushel. Publication 444-682, **Stored Grain Insect Control**, describes how to prevent these losses. Check your grain before cold weather sets in.

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Alfalfa planted on good soils is very productive. Some work at the University of Missouri compared hay costs from various sources with emphasis on beef cattle. They concluded:

--"A common objection to more alfalfa for beef cattle is that it is 'too good' for a beef cow. This objection ignores several important relationships:

--Despite its higher per acre cost, alfalfa has shown the lowest cost per ton. Even when credited with the same price per ton as other hays, it still leads in profitability among alternative hay crops because of its higher yield and lower cost per ton. So who cares that beef cows can do on less. They found alfalfa to cost $231 per acre, average yield 3.49 tons or $66 per ton. Mixed hay (grass/clover) cost $133 per acre, average yeild 1.75 tons or $79 per ton. Grass hay cost $115 per acre, average yield 1.41 tons or $82 per ton.

--Farm profitability starts with optimal land use. Failure to fully utilize land capabilities places the business at a severe disadvantage.

--Increased backgrounding of young feeder cattle represents an ideal complement or companion enterprise for the higher quality forage. The combination of more backgrounding and more alfalfa offers opportunities for expanding income on many beef cow operations--where it is often badly needed.

--Much alfalfa could be fed in place of expensive protein supplements with other lower quality forage and crop residues. In this case, it definitely has a high use - value per ton - even for beef cows.

Finally, on well drained, rolling lands adapted to alfalfa, the really relevant question is -- Can we afford not to produce it?"

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Don't wait until the soil is frozen to pull soil samples. Some of the good tobacco growers are checking plant bed sites for pH. It is a good idea. Also, it is a good way to determine fertility requirements.

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There is a new publication available, "Seeding Forage Grasses and Legumes No-Till." It describes techniques for seeding forages no-till in the following situations:

--Broadcasting clover
--Improving existing sods by drilling grasses and clovers
--Killing the old sod and reseeding
--New seedings following crops rather than sods.

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Irene Mays showed me four turnips that weighed a total of 11 pounds. The largest weighed 3¾ pounds --that is a lot of turnip!

PICTURE A CLASSROOM full of youngsters writing letters like mad and not grumling one bit about it! That's what's happening in Mrs. C. Coleman's class at Appomattox Elementary School because of the Weekly Reader Writing Pals program. The children are writing the pen pals in a fourth grade class at Sacred Heart School in Marshfield, Wisconsin and their finding out that writing assignments can be fun.

Letter:

On moving global organization

Editor:

President Reagan and the chief Ambassador to the U.N., Jeane Kirkpatrick, said recently that the United States would not object if U.N. members want to move the global organization elsewhere.

American taxpayers are very satisfied to see the overwhelming Senate vote to slash U.S. financial support of the U.S.Since the U.N. has resorted to the double standards to denounce the Western nations but to condone the criminal actions of the Soviet Union and its puppet states and allies, most Americans are fed up with the nefarious United Nations.

The U.S. citizens of the Ukrainian, Polish, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, German, Rumanian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Cuban, Afghanistanian and the descent of many other captive peoples are offended daily not only by the criminal actions of the Soviets, but also by the actions and attitudes of the American media, press, network news, and many clergymen who disregard the rights of all peoples to enjoy their independence, self-determination and human rights.

Those liberal circles are blind to the reality that American citizens of the descent of all the captive peoples have the means and determination to retire members of Congress who condone the Soviet barbaric actions and to boycott the circles of the Eastern "Liberal" Establishment in order to force them against the wall and isolate them from our patriotic and decent society.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis
Farmville

ASCS Today

Slates of nominees for election announced

By TOM CONRAD

Slates of nominees developed for committee election - The slates of nominees for the ASC committee election are as follows: **Cloverhill** - Oliver Chambers, R. Keith Coleman, E. M. Covington, Marvin A. Glover, Jr., and J. H. Rosser. **Southside** - John T Hunter, Jr., Ronald H. Jones, H Nelson Mann, and Coleman Robinson. **Stonewall** - W. E. Bondurant, Jr., Calvin Harris, R. T. Megginson, Lyle Moore and Lacy Webb.

Ballots were mailed November 25 and are to be returned no later than December 5. Voters are urged to vote and return their ballots to the ASCS office by December 5. This year voters must pay postage on mailed envelopes. Anyone who thinks he is eligible to vote but did not get a ballot should stop by the ASCS office to get one.

Participation in ASC elections is open to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

USDA Seeks Comments on Marketing Quotas for Six Kinds of Tobacco The. U. S. Department of Agriculture recently called for public comments on the size of the marketing quotas for minor types of tobacco. The types applicable to Virginia are Virginia fire-cured (type 21) and Virginia sun-cured (type 37).

USDA will announce final decisions on quotas no later than Feb. 1 but before making final determination on quotas, USDA will consider any written comments received by Dec. 30 Additional details of today's action appear in the Nov. 17 Federal Register.

Comments may be sent to the Director, Analysis Division, USDA-ASCS, Room 3741-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D. C. 20013. Comments will be open to public inspection in room 3741 of USDA's South Building during business hours.

Flue Tobacco - Producers who have not returned their marketing cards to the ASCS office should do so immediately. Failure to return card could result in penalty.

Fire-Cured Tobacco Markets - Pre-Christmas sales dates this year are as follows; **Lynchburg** - December 7,8,13,14, 19,21. **Farmville**- December 6, 7,13,15,20,21. **Blackstone** - December 6,8,14,15, 19 and 20. Growers who came to the ASCS office to book floor space should have by now received notice of their sales days and pounds. For any changes or bookings, you may contact the warehouse as follows: **Lynchburg** - Telephone 847-6921; **Farmville** -392-4029.

This year the **owner or operator** will need to come to the ASCS office to pick up their marketing card. Cards are ready at this time.

Fleshman completes seminar

W. Rayford Fleshman, Appomattox representative for the Home Service Division of Pilot Life Insurance Company, has just completed a one-week seminar on sales technique conducted at Pilot's home office in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Seeks input from interested farmers

Thomas B. Long, Jr., president of the State Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services, is inviting all interested farmers to appear before the Board on Dec. 14, 1983, in Richmond to express their views concerning the current and future agriculture situation in Virginia.

"While we are generally familiar with the overview picture, we want to give individual farmers across the state an opportunity to personally share their knowledge and insights," said Long. "The information we receive will be beneficial to the Board in developing its 1983 Report to the Governor which includes recommendations for actions the Commonwealth should consider in addressing agriculture's needs."

An example of a Board recommendation that is in the process of being implemented is the establishment of a state agricultural policy. After several months of development, this policy has been presented to Govenor Robb for his review and approval.

The Governor will be present at the opening of the meeting on Dec. 14. With him will be Dr. Betty J. Diener, secretary of Commerce and Resources.

"Virginia agriculture has suffered through three major droughts in seven years," said Long. "The cost-price squeeze has had a serious effect on the farm population and rural Virginia as a whole. The establishment of a state agricultural policy would be just one action we need to take to be responsive to the needs of agriculture. This meeting should help the Board in identifying both immediate and long-run actions."

The open hearing will be held during the Board's scheduled two-day meeting. The normal business meeting on the first day will be in Room 210 of the Washington Building at 1100 Bank Street, Richmond, Va. The first day session will begin at 1:30 p.m. on December 13. The open hearing on December 14 will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held in House Room 4 in the State Capitol.

Although everyone who attends the hearing will be given a chance to speak, Long suggested that persons interested in speaking at this meeting on Dec. 14 should write to the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, Va. 23209. Those who present comments will be asked to provide a written statement to the Board on the day of the meeting.

Local men in the service

Pvt. Reginald L. Taylor

Marine Pvt. Reginald L. Taylor, son of Bertha B. Taylor of Route 1, Concord, Va., has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

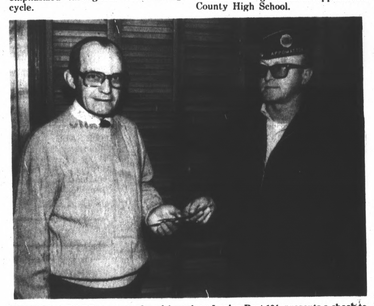
Pfc. William A. Thornton, Jr.

Army Pfc. William A. Thornton, Jr., son of Ella B. Thornton of Rural Route 1, Appomattox, Va., has participated in Bold Eagle 84, a joint service readiness exercise held at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

The exercise involved more than 19,000 service members from all elements of the Department of Defense assisting in repelling from a friendly nation an invading force, thus testing the combat readiness of U.S. - based forces.

Thornton is an armor crewman with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He is a 1982 graduate of Appomattox County High School.



DENNNIS GRAGG, commander of American Legion Post 104, presents a check to Melvin E. Winters, treasurer of the Appomattox County Anti-Cold Homes program, to help keep county families warm this winter. The check represents money from Legion fundraising activities. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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